

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

STANDING HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE

DOCKET NO. 2021-210-E ORDER NO. 2022-44-H

MAY 9, 2022

STANDING HEARING OFFICER: C. Jo Anne Wessinger Hill

DOCKET DESCRIPTION:

Request of Clifton Power Company on the Public Service Commission's Jurisdiction of Electric Vehicle Charging Station

MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:

Petition to Intervene of ChargePoint, Inc. filed on April 27, 2022.

CHIEF HEARING OFFICER'S ACTION:

This matter comes before the Hearing Officer on the Petition to Intervene of ChargePoint, Inc. in this Docket. The Petition has been timely filed and within the deadline to file a Petition to Intervene on April 27, 2022.

After it has been determined that the Petition to Intervene has been timely filed, the next question for the Commission is to determine whether or not the petitioning party or parties have clear factual support or grounds for the proposed intervention. S.C. Regs. 103-825A(3) requires that parties filing a Petition to Intervene in a matter pending before the South Carolina Public Service Commission must set forth clearly and concisely:

- (a) The facts from which the nature of the petitioner's alleged right or interest can be determined;
- (b) The grounds of the proposed intervention;
- (c) The position of the petitioner in the proceeding.

The Commission opened this proceeding on the request of Clifton Power Company, a manufacturer and installer of electric vehicle charging stations in South Carolina. In its request, Clifton states that its charging stations are located throughout the state in service areas assigned to investor-owned utilities, the South Carolina Public Service Authority, and electric cooperatives.

ChargePoint asserts that its primary business model consists of selling smart charging solutions directly to businesses and organizations while offering tools that empower station owners to deploy EV charging designed for their individual application and use case. ChargePoint provides charging network services and data-driven, cloud-enabled capabilities that enable site hosts to better manage their charging assets and optimize services. ChargePoint's belief is that current and future position and market presence within this State relates directly to the Commission's position regarding jurisdictional issues relating to the EVCS. ChargePoint notes that it has substantial and specific economic interests in the sustainable and scalable growth of EV charging infrastructure

within South Carolina. ChargePoint currently sells EV charging equipment and services directly to consumers in South Carolina and has public charging ports in South Carolina. For those reasons, among others, ChargePoint's interests in this proceeding cannot be adequately represented or protected by any other party. ChargePoint asserts that its participation would constructively add to this proceeding by contributing to the development of a complete record based on ChargePoint's unique and substantial business interest in developing EV charging infrastructure in South Carolina.

From the discussion and assertions in ChargePoint's Petition, this Hearing Officer holds that ChargePoint have satisfied all of the criteria for intervention stated in the Regulation. The Petitioner's interest in these matters can clearly be discerned, as can the grounds for the intervention, and its position. Further, the Petition to Intervene was timely filed and there are no objections to the intervention. Accordingly, the Petition to Intervene of is hereby granted in this Docket.

This ends the Hearing Officer's Directive.